

# State Lecturer Cates in Mecklenburg County.

Messrs. Editors:—On the 20th of September we met a small number of Mecklenburg's best farmers at Sharon and proceeded to tell them the old story about the Farmers' Alliance—about its ups and downs, what it had done and is doing now and what it hopes to do, and how we needed them and they needed us to help out in the great struggle. The result was another Sub Alliance composed of at least some of the best men and best farmers in Mecklenburg County.

From here we went to the following places: Providence, Mathews, Mint Hill, Nowell, Derita, Hunterville, Long Creek, Sandifer, Dixie, Steele Creek; and notwithstanding the farmers were just in a rush putting up pea-vine hay and gathering corn, picking cotton and getting ready for cold weather, we succeeded at every place but one—and very probably succeeded there. We found the farmers just as we expected—the cleverest, kindest, most hospitable imaginable. Walter Pharr, J. O. Alexander, Dr. H. Q. Alanander, Dr. Herron, Capt. Renfro, Bro. Campbell, Leander Query, W. S. Caldwell, J. S. Gibbons, J. A. Wilson, A. McComb, John McDowell, Dr. Kell, Capt. Ardrey and B. T. Price—well, we can't think of all the good names, but these and Brother Quinn, the Presbyterian preacher at Steele Creek, have our many thanks. And then we think of the Rev. J. A. McMurray, who is chaplain of the Mint Hill Sub Alliance. Brother McMurray was a native of old Alamance and we were so glad to see him and felt at home at his place. Here we met Brother Flow and our good friend, Mr. Craig, and to the ladies of these good homes let me say, you have my sincerest thanks.

I reckon without a doubt Mecklenburg has the best roads and the most up-to-date road machinery of any county in the State. I noticed a steam shovel there to load dirt that is doing the work of perhaps sixty men and a patent wagon bed that unloads just as easy and quick. It would pay other counties to send men there to investigate their plans and copy after them. Mecklenburg is truly a great county of great people, and now since it is an Alliance county, we shall expect great things of her because she never does things by halves. May she continue to grow and prosper and develop socially, educationally, financially and religiously, is the earnest wish of

H. M. CATES.

Alamance Co., N. C. —

## Wilson County Alliance.

Messrs. Editors:—The Wilson County Alliance met with Pleasant Grove Sub Alliance, October 13th, in regular meeting. We were proud to have with us Mr. J. R. Hutchings, who addressed a large audience on the subject of organization, after which an excellent dinner was spread. We are sure that the ladies of the community are in sympathy

with the farmers' organization. They spared no pains in preparing dinner.

After dinner the Alliance met to transact the business belonging to the Alliance, and adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, we believe that the great rush of cotton upon the market has caused the decline in price from ten and one-half to nine and one-half cents. Therefore, be it

"Resolved, that we, the Wilson County Alliance, will not sell any more cotton for less than ten cents unless necessity compels us.

"2. That we ask other counties and all cotton farmers to adopt the same.

"3. That we will not sell any cotton seed below thirty cents per bushel and we cordially ask all cotton farmers throughout the entire Cotton Belt to co-operate with us."

Dear farmers, let us stand together on these points and success is ours.

With united effort we can control prices. Why do I say so? Because we feed the world. Then should we not be the most independent class of people in the world?

The next Wilson County Farmers' Alliance will be held with Red Oak Grove Sub the second Thursday in January, 1905.

J. H. FLOWERS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Sneers at Scientific Farming Things of the Past.

A great many farmers, and many more sycophants who wanted to curry favor with farmers, have sneered at the so-called "scientific farmer." When men who were not actual farmers, but who had capacity to discover great truth bearing upon that avocation, said something or made a suggestion, he was laughed at and referred to as a "scientific" or "kid-glove" farmer. The same has been true in time past regarding education in general. Men have come now to know that if their children are to have any chance in this world, they must be given mental development, and only the very foolish now refer with a sneer to "book learning," or any other source of mental improvement. So with farming. The old phrase, "he's to be only a farmer and needs no schooling," is passing out. Men are coming to see that the occupation of farming presents more problems for brains, knowledge, judgment and energy than any other calling engaged in extensively in this country. The farmer must deal with soils, wind and weather, all conditions of plant and animal life, markets, and a hundred other things requiring the exercise of sound judgment, extensive knowledge and deep interest. This change of attitude is what is making North Carolina blossom, is what will give it a powerful, intelligent, useful and happy rural population. The agricultural college, the experiment station and the "scientific farmer" are proving a blessing to the State.—Monroe Journal.


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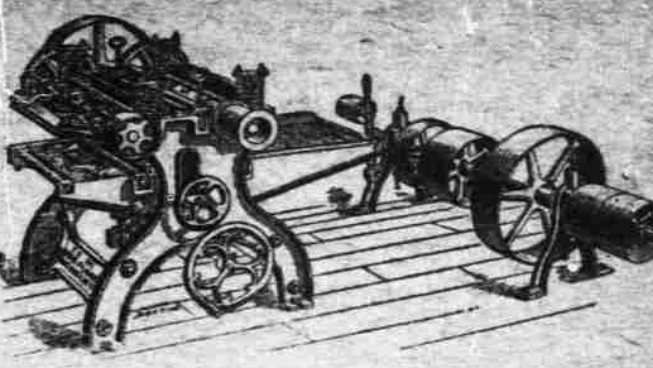
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